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EXECUTION OF BARRETT.

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Yesterday morning, la the pr a vast concourse of spectators, Michael Barrett, the author of the Clerkenwell explosion, was hanged it front of Newgate. In its circumstance there are very little to distinguish this from ordinary executions. The crowd was greater, perhaps, and better behaved istill, from the peculiar atrocity of the came for which Barrett suffered, and for the fact of its being probably the last public execution in Eugland, it deserves more than usual notice. It would be almostimpertinent now to review the evidence on which Barrett was condemned. Irobably in the history of criminal trials there is none which affords such proof of patient investigation, of long, anxious, and deliberate searching after truth. Infact, Barexplosion, was hauged it front of Newrestigation, of long, anxious, and definerate searching after truth. Infact, Barrett may be said to have had to trials, if we include the supplementary one since the conviction, to ascertait if there was a possibility of doubt about he verdict, or if there was any evidence which could strengthen his plea of an abi. On both trials he was found guilty. The de-fense of an alibi is, of course, the best or the worst in the world. If establi is final; but on the other hand it is atal if the person accused tries to prove that he was not on the spot where he is charged with the crime, and it is found on exam-ination that he was in the very face ination that he was in the very face and at the very time on the scene form which he strives to show that he was absent. This was the detense of Barett, but it failed most signally. It is rariin the history of our criminal jurisprudette that government allows a sort of special commission to inquire into the validity of the jury's verdict and judge's appreval. Still, in this case there were what may be called special circumstances, for it was urged that the truth of the alibi, it inquired into at Glasgow, could be more easily ascertained than in London. With a life at stake, of course no room was left for doubt. A most searching inquiry was made, and the result proved to conviction that Barrett was in London at the lime hardes of whatever public interest they might otherwise have

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till the blackened deal frame which forms the base of the scaffold was drawn out in the dawn and placed in front of the door,

the dawn and placed in front of the door, from which Barrett was to issue. Its arrival was accompanied with a great cheer, which at once woke up those who had been huddled in door-steps and under barricades, and who joined in the general acclamation. The arrival of the scaffold did much to increase the interest, and through the dawn people began to flock in, the greater portion of the new comers being young women and little children. Never were these more numerous than on this occasion, and blue velvet hats and huge white feathers velvet bats and huge white lined the great beams which kept the mass from crushing each other in their eagerness to see a man put to death. The crowd was most unusually orderly; but it was not a crowd in which one would like to trust. It is said that one sees on the road to the Derby such ani-mals as are never seen elsewhere; so on an execution morning one sees faces that are never seen save around the galor near a great fire. Some laughed, some fought, some preached, some gave tracts, and some sang bymus; but what may be called the general good-humored

disorder of the crowd remained the same, and there was laughter at the preacher or silence when any open robbery was going on. None could look on the scene, with all its exceptional quietness, without a thankful feeling that this was to be the last public execution in England.

Toward seven o'clock the mass of people was immense. A very wide open space was kept round the gallows by the police, but beyond this the concourse was dense, stretching up beyond St. Sepulchre's church, and far back almost into Smithfield—a great, surging mass of people, which, in spite of the barriers, kept swaying to and fro like waving corn. Now and then there was great laughter as a girl fainted, and was passed out hand over hand above the heads of as the day brightened, and the sun shone out with such a glare as to extinguish the very feeble light which showed itself faintly through the glass roof above where the culprit lay. It was a wild, rough crowd, not so numerous nor nearly so violent as that which thronged to see Muller or the pirates die. In one way they showed their feeling by loudly bootthey showed their feeling by loudly booting a magnificently attired woman who,
accompanied by two gentlemen, swept
down the avenue kept open bylke police,
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house. There they were joined by the Governor of Newyate (Mr. Jones), the prison surgeon (Mr. Gibson) and the ordinary (Rev. F. Lloyd Jones.) A few representatives of the press to whom tickets of admission had been given were also present.

The convict Barrett retired to rest

The convict Barrett retired to rest about ten on the previous night, and, having spent a somewhat restless night, rose at six yesterday morning, dressed himself and engaged in prayer. Shortly afterward he was joined in his cell by Father James Hussey, attached to the Roman Catholic Chrispel in Moorfields, who had attended him regularly since his conviction, and who remained with him to the last. It is understood that he received the sacrament one day last him to the last. It is understood that he received the sacrament one day last week, and again yesterday morning. Toward eight o'clock, the sheriffs paid him a visit, accompanied by the Governor, and then retired to a part of the prison leading to the scaffold, where the rest of the authorities and the public representatives had already assembled. By a predetermined arrangement, and By a predetermined arrangement, and contrary to the usual practice, the convict was not pinioned in the press room, as it is called, but in his own cell, and, this process over, he was conducted to the drop by a private way, accompanied by his priest, and attended by the execu-tioner and three or four wardens, the prison bell and that of St. Sepulchre's Church, hard by, tolling the while. The sheriffs and under sheriffs, who, with and narrow passage and turned a corner leading to the gallows. He was dressed

wore, and in other respects he was an scene as this and before such a dense crowd of white faces Barrett was exe-cuted. His clergyman came last. Barrett mounted the steps with the most perfect firmness. This may seem a sterectyped phrase, but it really means more than is generally imagined. To ascend a ladder with one's arms and hands closely pinioned would be at all times difficult, but to climb a ladder to go to certain death might try the nerves of the boldest. Barrett walked up coolly and boldly. His face was as white as marble, but still be bore himself with firmness, and his demeanor was as far removed from bravado as from fear. We would not dwell on these details, but from the singular reception he met as he came out upon the scaffold. There was a partial burst of cheers, which was instantly accompanied by loud hisses, and so it remained for some seconds, till and so it remained for some actions as the last moment approached the roars dwindled down to a dead silence. To neither cheers nor hisses did the culprit make the alightest recognition. He make the slightest recognition. He seemed only attentive to what the priest was saying to him, and to be engaged in

he bore himself to the last with great fortitude, submitting himself at the same time with affectionate docility to the exhortations of his priest and gratefully receiving the consolations of religion. He was never undulybudyed up by the efforts made out of doors to reverse his sentence, but rather welcomed the repeated respites as affording him turther time to prepare himself for the worst, should it come to that. He died without making any confession of the crime of which he was

to that. He died without making any confession of the crime of which he was convicted, so far as any of the authorities are informed. What he may have said to his priest, if anything, in reference to the murders may never be divulged. All that is known is that he gave him "immense satisfaction," to use that gentleman's own expression, by his humble and penitent demeasor, his extraordinary fortitude, and by the earnestness with which he strove to prepare himself for his end. Yet there was this peculiarity about him, as observed more than liarity about him, as observed more than once by one of the authorities in his visits to him after sentence, that he never visits to him after sentence, that he never absolutely denied his guilt. On those occasions, whenever he referred to the crime, he always said he had been convicted on insufficient evidence, and that he was not guilty of murder.

Since the execution the police who have guarded the prison of Newgate for menths past have been relieved.

others, stood in a group in a gloomy corridor behind the scaffold, just caught a higher basis than the animal daring that glimpse of the doomed man as he when brought to this dire extremity, emerged with his attendants from a dark. It seemed that Barrett thirsted for and and narrow passage and turned a corner leading to the gallows. He was dressed in the short claret-colored coat and the gray striped trousers, both well worn, by which he had become familiar to all who were present during his protracted trial. His face had lost the florid hue it then were, and in other respects he was an were, and in other respects he was an altered man.

With the first sound of the bells came a great hungry roar from the crowd outside and a loud, continued shout of "hats off" till the whole dense, bare-headed mass stood white and ghastly looking in the morning sun, and the pressure on the barriers increased so that the girls and women in the front ranks began to scream and struggle to get free. Amid such a scene as this and before such a dense moved the movement could not be seen moved the movement could not be seen through the covering, and there was no sound of response to the ministrations of his spiritual adviser. The hand of the reverend gentleman was raised to speed the fleeting spirit when the sound, once the fleeting spirit when the sound spirit when the spirit when the spirit when the sound spirit when the spirit w

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thick-set, muscular figure, rather below the average hight and with a prepossessing countenance. He was unmarried, and by trade a stevedore. Neither before nor after his conviction did any relative call at the jail to see him, and after sentence he was only, or chiefly, visited by the Rev. Mr. Hussey, who was with him a considerable time daily, and by his counsel and occasionally by one or the other of the sheriffs. His behavior in prison was uniformly becoming, and he bore himself to the last with great fortitude, submitting himself at the same bad sutton up a little difficulty fost

Barrett, after bowing, looked slightly upward, with a light in his eye that reflected no fear, no dogged obstinacy, no anger, no defiance, no regret. The glance, like his every movement, was eloquent with a marvelons firmness, Calcraft had burried from the scaffold, and with the hand employed a moment before in a friendly shake with the convict had pulled back the bolt, and the sound heard was the rattle of planks and the heavy, dull fall of the body to the rope a end. A general outery of horror from men and boys, and a few piercing shrieks from some women, were fitting from men and boys, and a few piercing shricks from some women, were fitting accompaniments to the scene. The priest was left alone upon the fixed part of the scaffold, his hand still uplifted, while his late penitent was gyrating horribly in the vacancy below—"a sight to shudder at, not to see." Barrett was a long time before his sufferings were over. Two or three times when the officials considered the work was done, the powerful frame trembled, and the knees shook convulsively. This was repeated even after the "swinging" had been stopped.

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